In the original February 01, 2010 distribution of the CFSR Time Series, at NCEP's request, NCDC NOMADS released a copy of the CFSR with the f00 records removed. Since that time we have discovered issues with this removal process and some records which should remain in these files were removed. As of 15:15 UTC on February 08, 2010, this dataset has been replaced with the original dataset sent by NCEP. The forecast at the first time step (f00) of 3 minutes constitutes a spin up of the model physics, and extreme care should be taken when using it as a proxy of any type of validation. IT IS NOT THE ANALYSIS.

For more details, please see the document:

http://nomads.ncdc.noaa.gov/docs/CFSR-Hourly-Timeseries.pdf